

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, October 19, 2025 (Pentecost 19)

Genesis 32:22-32

Discussion Starters

1. What is the back story about Jacob? Why is he worried about meeting Esau?
2. Why does he want to be alone on this particular evening?
3. What is God trying to teach Jacob through this wrestling match? Who is Jacob wrestling with? Do you think it was a literal wrestling match or a figurative one?
4. Why was Jacob's hip damaged in the event?
5. What is significant about the name change for Jacob?
6. How have you wrestled with God? Who won?
7. What is the significance of Jacob's limp?

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Discussion Starters

1. How does this passage describe the Word of God? What is its origin? What is its purpose? How does it fulfill its purpose?
2. What final instructions (charges) does Paul give to Timothy before closing this letter? Which of them seems most significant to you? Why? Which has the greatest application to your own life? Why?
3. What does it mean to be prepared in season and out of season?
4. What does it mean that the Scriptures are "God-breathed" or "inspired?" How would you respond to someone who says the Bible is written by men?
5. What should Timothy expect as he fulfills his pastoral duties?

Luke 18:1-8

Discussion Starters

1. In what way(s) is God like the unjust judge? In what way(s) is God not like the unjust judge?
2. What was the woman's strategy for dealing with this judge? Why did she utilize this approach? Is such an approach necessary with God?
3. In what way(s) can our prayers be like the prayers of this woman?
4. What does this passage teach about prayer? Who do you think was the target audience that Jesus had in mind?
5. Is this parable teaching us that repeatedly asking for something is wrong? What are we supposed to do if one of our prayers doesn't get answered?
6. How long does it take you to grow discouraged and stop asking?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?